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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DATA REPRODUCTION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

a¹
3. A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the method
further comprises (h) applying corrections to each respective
block of data in accordance with the results of the
correction calculations performed in steps (e) and (g).

a²
17. A decoder comprising input means for receiving at least
one continuous data stream, the data stream incorporating an
error protection code applied on the basis of a predetermined
size of data block, wherein the decoder is arranged to